

House File 47

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BY PETTENGILL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act expanding the number of members appointed to the utilities
2 board within the utilities division of the department of
3 commerce.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 1587HH 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 474.1, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. A utilities division is created within the department
1 4 of commerce. The policymaking body for the division is the
1 5 utilities board which is created within the division. The
1 6 board is composed of ~~three~~ five members appointed by the
1 7 governor and subject to confirmation by the senate, not more
1 8 than ~~two~~ three of whom shall be from the same political party.
1 9 One member shall represent an electric public utility having
1 10 fewer than ten thousand customers or a rural electric
1 11 cooperative or association; and one member shall represent a
1 12 mutual telephone company in which at least fifty percent of
1 13 the users are owners, a cooperative telephone corporation or
1 14 association, or a telephone company having less than fifteen
1 15 thousand customers and less than fifteen thousand access
1 16 lines. Each member appointed shall serve for six-year
1 17 staggered terms beginning and ending as provided by section
1 18 69.19. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of
1 19 the term in the same manner as full-term appointments are
1 20 made.

EXPLANATION

1 21 This bill expands the number of members of the utilities
1 22 board within the utilities division of the department of
1 23 commerce from the current three members to five members. The
1 24 bill specifies that one of the two additional members shall
1 25 represent an electric public utility having fewer than 10,000
1 26 customers or a rural electric cooperative or association. The
1 27 other member shall represent a mutual telephone company in
1 28 which at least 50 percent of the users are owners, a
1 29 cooperative telephone corporation or association, or a
1 30 telephone company having less than 15,000 customers and less
1 31 than 15,000 access lines.
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